



Pray for Israel....

"...whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head" Ezek.33:4.

'O LORD, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even cry out to You, 'Violence!' and You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me...' Habakkuk 1:2-3

The Watchman Prayer Letter

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The Rage of the Nations...

'Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed ...' Psalm 2:1ff.

To observe the world events of our day in the light of Biblical prophecy certainly ought to pose some really serious questions for anyone reasonably acquainted with the Bible. Never before in history – until more recent times – have all global rulers taken such a stance against Israel and - by extension - the God of the Bible. We know that the word 'anointed' comes from the Hebrew word Mashiach, or Messiah. However, the word can also be translated as specially selected, or chosen. Therefore, it can also be applied to Israel directly as the ONLY nation in the world that was chosen by the Almighty as His own peculiar people.

These words of Psalm 2 have literally been fulfilled in the Assembly of the U. N. in their multitude of resolutions in support of Double Standards, Delegitimization and Demonization against tiny Israel.

The Hebrew Prophets foreshadowed a time such as this some 500 years before the destruction of the second Temple (c/f. Zechariah Ch.12; 14:2) and many theologians endeavour to link these prophecies with that tragedy. However, the destruction of the temple and that of Jerusalem in the 2nd century was engineered exclusively by the Roman forces— but the collusion of rulers, we see emerging with great speed, is on a global scale! It is the culmination of many years of developing anti-God /anti-Christian sentiments throughout the Western world. Not against the pagan customs of the nations, but against Judeo-Christian beliefs and practices; i.e. banning a public display of the Ten Commandments, banning of (Christian) school prayers, etc. and Christian celebrations— whilst supporting or promoting Islamic prayers and issues.

How sobering, therefore, are the continuing words of the above Psalm (quoting global rulers), *"Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us"* (v.3).

If that raging were only a political affair, it could be said that such might may also pass away. However, the Hebrew word translated as ‘rage’ comes from the same root as the word for ‘armed host’ - **z^ebaoth!** This links the words of Psalm 2 with the prophecies of Zechariah. The Psalm also goes on to say that *‘He that sits in the heavens shall laugh... (v.4) at the vain attempts of men.* When the ancients (under Nimrod) gathered themselves to build a tower at Babel, to unify themselves, they were merely dispersed in mercy by confusing their language. This time though, the Word of God says, they will be subject to the wrath of God (v.5) – *‘...He will distress the nations in His deep displeasure!’*

Strategic Prayer Points:

- Please pray that the God would awaken the Church that Christians might recognize the seriousness of our times
- Please pray that at least Christian leaders would begin to acknowledge and address from their pulpits the Double Standards, Delegitimization and Demonization applied to Israel and address these issues
- Please pray that Christians would begin to see the pressing need of informing themselves concerning Israel and effectively sharing relevant and correct information

A Global Culture of Lies!

From the earliest Christian centuries, Jewish people have been subject to unfounded slander. Already in the first century, a Graeco-Egyptian philosopher by the name of Apion spread the rumours that the Jewish people offered Greek victims as sacrifices in their temple in Jerusalem. During the Middle Ages Christian clergy began to spread the libel that the Jews were using the blood of Christian children for the Passover Matza. These libels, including the accusation of killing God, have persisted among some segments of Christianity to the present time, and over recent years blood libels have also resurfaced in the Arab Media. One exemplary case is the faked killing of the Palestinian boy, Mohammad Al Dura, that was allegedly witnessed and filmed by a French TV crew, as well as the even more recent accusations that the IDF had harvested the organs of thousands of Palestinian children!

It is a puzzling factor, that even respected Journalists of our days will not hesitate to resort to telling blatant lies despite genuine evidence to the contrary— it seems to be an intolerable situation for most to acknowledge Israel as being in the right on anything! Recent comments from media personalities, as well as articles published in respectable Magazines, etc., leave not the slightest doubt that a war of attrition is being waged against Israel— seeking her total destruction. From all the evidence before us it would be foolish to deny that Israel is at [albeit an undeclared] war.

Clifford D. May, headlines his article *Beyond Bigotry*, published by Aish HaTorah (17/6/2010) with the statement, that the goal of Radical anti-Semites of the 21st century is the extermination of the Middle East's Jewish state. He goes on to ask, *'If Israel were to be defeated, much of the world would not shed wet tears'*. But, what would happen after such a defeat— what would be the global gain? Yet another Jewish Holocaust?

Can one seriously doubt that Hamas has genocidal intentions, when Abdallah Jarbu, Hamas's deputy minister of religion, asserts that *"Jews want to present themselves to the world as if they have rights, but, in fact, they are foreign bacteria -- a microbe unparalleled in the world."* Jarbu then offered this prayer: *"May He [Allah] annihilate this filthy people who have neither religion nor conscience."* The Iranian sponsors of Hamas have been making similar statements for many years. In a recent outburst, the Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, called Israel a cancerous tumor, *"that must be excised from the Islamic Middle East"*. The goal must be Israel's total annihilation from the political geography of the region.

One begs the question that at least some influential people in global politics ought to recognize that, *'something is not right here!'* Yet, it appears that the entire body of active global politicians has rallied behind the Arab propaganda machine to endorse their skewed agenda(s).

How much closer can one get to the fulfillment of ancient prophecies, than this *'...For behold, Your enemies make an uproar, and those who hate You have exalted themselves. They make shrewd plans against Your people, and conspire together against Your treasured ones. They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more." For they have conspired together with one mind...'* Psalm 83:1-5 [NKJV].

Strategic Prayer Points:

- Please pray that God would take the blindfolds of the Christian community that we may begin to see the enormity of the global deception being wrought and embrace the truth
- Please pray for a spirit of humility and understanding to come upon the Christian world concerning Israel and the Jewish people

The Eternal Promises

Beginning in Genesis chapter twelve, the Hebrew Bible paints a clear picture of God's faithfulness toward the promises He made to Abraham and his physical descendants. When Israel was enslaved in Egypt, the Almighty remembered His Covenant with the Patriarchs (Exodus 2:23-25) and delivered His people from Pharaoh's power.

Just as God foretold Israel's slavery and subsequent delivery, He also foresaw Israel's periods of disobedience and chastisement (Leviticus 26:14 ff.) as well as their restoration to God's favour, viz. *'...yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God. But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the Lord'* - Leviticus 26:44-45.

The Torah shows us that God foreknew that Israel would have to endure exiles and punishments for her rebelliousness, but *'...for all that...[He] would not cast them away'*. If we link this promise with those of the prophets, that God would bring His people back *'...for His Names sake'* (Psalm 23:3; Jeremiah 31:31-37; Ezekiel 20:9,22,44; 36:22) and with the formation of the State of Israel in 1948, one cannot escape being forced to ask the question, *'was this the hand of God?'* There can be only one answer for anyone out of two possibilities! Dare we say that in our God-rejecting Western society an affirmative answer is out of the question, which leaves only one alternative and that requires the actions the global community has embarked upon.

Strategic Praise and Prayer Points:

- Let us praise the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He has not left Israel without hope.
- Please pray that God in His Mercy would pour out a Spirit of Repentance and supplication upon all His people — Jewish and Gentile
- Please pray for spiritual strength in these difficult days
- Let us praise God for the success of the CFI Conference and for the fresh revelations and guidance for the directors Ray and Sharon and for the staff and Jerusalem leadership
- Please pray for the needs of CFI and all International Representatives in over 41 nations of the world. May God bless them with strength, wisdom and resources needed to spread the truth concerning Israel in often hostile countries
- Please pray for the work of **The Olivetree Connection** and for opportunities to share the truth concerning God's purposes for Israel with different groups in Australia and abroad

In Messiah

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